THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) According to Article 5 of the GATT Code on anti-dumping. Anti-Dumping investigations shall, except in special circumstances be concluded within one year after their initiation. The customs Tariff. (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Duty or Additional Duty on dumped articles and for determination of injury) Rules 1985, provide that normally, the final finding shall be made within one year from the date of initiation of an investigation. However, internally a time limit of 6 weeks has been laid down for initiation of investigation from the date of filing of an application complete in all respects. The preliminary and final findings are expected to be published within 4 and 9 months from the date of initiation. Thus, the total period of 9 months for completion of an investigation compares favourably with a time lilmit of 12 months laid down under GATT regulations.

(c) and (d) A perusal of petitions received from the domestic industry alleging dumping shows that the petitions are not complete. In order to overcome this deficiency the Government have prescribed a simplified proforma containing essential details that are required to be filled in anti-dumping petitions. This proforma has been circulated to Apex bodies like CII, ASSOCHAM, FIEO etc. and interactions are held to clarify any doubts.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. The procedure required to be followed before levy of anti-dumping duty provides for holding of public hearings to enable the exporters, the importers, the domestic producers and other interested parties to present their case. The preliminary and the final findings are made only after taking into account the arguments and the view points put forth by all these interested parties.

Study of Impact of Uruguay Round Negotiations on Agro-Industry

1797. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been conducted by Government on the impact of the Uruguay Round of multinational trade negotiations boosting agro-industry; and

(b) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) It has been decided to undertake studies on market access opportunities created by the Uruguay Round of GATT Agreement with the objective of identifying India's export Prospects.

Enquiry into Import of Palmolein

1798. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since concluded the enquiry in the import of Palmolein by STC from Malaysia during the year 1993 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the details of the action taken on the findings of the enquiry and if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Report submitted by the Chief Vigilance Officer of the State Trading Corporation in the matter, is under examination in the Ministry.

Export of Consultancy Services

1799. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the revenue earned by Government from export of consultancy services during the last two years ;

(b) whether India's consultancy service run by both public and private sectors is facing a serious setback due to the role assigned to foreign consultants in every foreign-funded project in the country ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether Government have received any representation from Indian Export Organisation Committee on Consultancy in this regard ; and if so, the reaction of Government thereon ;

(e) whether a Conference on Development of Consultancy Trade in developing countries was organised by the UNIDO at Geneva and if so, what are the main recommendations made by it ; and

(f) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Foreign exchange earnings from export of consultancy services, including computer software, during the last 2 years have been as under :—

Year	E. F. Earnings (Rs. Crores)
1992-93	831
1993-94	1650 (estimated)

SOURCE : FIEO.